

TALK OF FOREIGN OFFICE SPOKESMAN ON AUGUST 4 1937
ON TUNGCHOW INCIDENT.

The latest official report received from Tungchow, contains the following details of the unspeakable atrocities committed by the rebellious Chinese Peace Preservation Corps of the East Hopei Government.

1. Of the 380 Japanese residents of the city, only 120 were refugees in the Japanese military barracks: 150-66 bodies have been recovered, while the actual number of the killed is expected to total 180, or even 200.

2. Most of the refugees were wounded, some quite seriously attesting to the bitter and desperate resistance put up by the Japanese.

3. The Chinese has planned to slaughter the entire Japanese population, including women and children. Most of the women were carried off and detained and maltreated for 24 hours before they were murdered outside the eastern gate whither they were dragged, with their hands and feet bound, or their noses and throats pierced through with wire. Their bodies were thrown into a pond nearby: in some cases, the faces were mutilated by smearing a powerful poison upon them.

4. The Chinese robbed every personal belonging of those whom they massacred, and completely looted all the Japanese residences.

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